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Chong-Sheng YUAN

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
ASSAYING HOMOCYSTEINE

Examiner: I. Chowdhury

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 8, 2005, for which a response was due on November 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith are the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1. Declaration of Chong-Sheng Yuan (Yuan Declaration) with Exhibits A-D;
and

Exhibit 2. Amino acid sequence alignment of mouse, rat and human SAH hydrolases.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.